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## Possible Biden Victory Prompts Questions On Who Would Head EPA

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The possibility that Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden wins in November is raising the question of who would serve as his EPA administrator, including whether Biden would seek out a high-profile public figure or subordinate such considerations to more-substantive and administrative expertise.

The 50-year old agency has been headed by a mix of former governors or others with relatively high public profiles, and lower-visibility figures that came from state government or other jobs and served effectively, a former EPA official and other observers say.

This raises the question of what model the Biden team prefers, given unique current pressures to acknowledge resurgent environmental activism on climate and other issues but also the need for an experienced hand to quickly begin reversing Trump EPA environmental rollbacks, observers note.

"I think there will be cross pressures if Biden is elected," the former EPA official says, citing the pressure to "reinforce" the connection with environmental coalition that helped elect him but also need for EPA to "produce quickly" on the regulatory front, imperatives that the source says may conflict.

The former agency official calls the administrator job both a "very political job" but also a "very demanding management job."

"If you gave me odds, I would bet [Biden goes with] a well-respected sitting or former governor," the former official says, citing a potential "twofer" that combines political background with administrative talent.

The source cites as examples of past higher profile picks George W. Bush EPA head Christine Todd Whitman and George H.W Bush chief William Reilly, with Whitman a sitting New Jersey governor at the time and Reilly having a preexisting environmental reputation as head of the World Wildlife Fund and a Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) staffer during the Nixon administration.

Another gubernatorial pick by George W. Bush, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, served a relatively brief roughly one-year EPA stint after Whitman's departure.

And current EPA administrator Andrew Wheeler -- who had a lower public profile as a former longtime Senate GOP aide, EPA staffer and industry lobbyist -- ascended to the EPA administrator job after replacing the scandal- tarred Scott Pruitt, who had been Oklahoma's attorney general.

Any incoming Biden pick is likely to face immediate political and administrative challenges, sources note, including reversing numerous high-profile Trump EPA environmental rollbacks, addressing staff morale battered by years of deregulatory efforts and downsizing, and working with Congress on potential climate fixes, observers note.

EPA will not necessarily shoulder all of that burden, amid signs the administration could signal organizational and political backing for environment efforts with [a new White House climate change post](#), an idea floated in multiple climate proposals during the presidential campaign.

### **Pent-Up Pressure**

But a second longtime observer of the agency agrees there will be pent up pressure from climate change advocates should Biden win, requiring new agency actions but also management of expectations on the speed and scope of EPA action.

"The question is whether [advocates] can accept a significant step forward even if it isn't everything that is truly called for by the science" the second source says.

And the source warns against allowing pressures for a high-profile pick to distract from substantive and administrative expertise, citing as a good model for lower profile but still effective picks Obama EPA administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy, both of whom were not particularly well known outside of the environment sphere but served in high-level state environment jobs.

Jackson was a former EPA staffer and had served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Chief of Staff to former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine (D). McCarthy's stints prior to EPA included head of the Connecticut's environment department and several state posts in Massachusetts government.

Meanwhile, the second source argues George W. Bush's pick of Whitman would have made a "great administrator if left to her own devices," but for the fact she was hemmed in by lack of support within the Bush White House for addressing climate change.

An agency staffer calls October discussion of who could be a Biden EPA administrator "parlor games" but adds that any incoming EPA chief chosen by a Biden White House will likely be the beneficiary of initial goodwill within the agency.

"Anything with a heartbeat," the source replies, on the type of EPA chief Biden should pick.

One state source says there is no shortage of state officials -- whether sitting governors or in lower profile jobs who might make good candidates for EPA chiefs, referencing prior talk Washington Gov Jay Inslee would be a good pick -- though Inslee has also downplayed any interest in a cabinet post.

The source also makes a case for former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D), who has gained visibility on environment issues in the wake of the lead water pollution crisis in Flint, MI.

One environmentalist also cites talk that a Biden administration may want to pick woman of color for the post, citing as an option Obama CEQ chair Nancy Sutley, touted by the Obama administration in 2011 as one of many "[Latinas in the White House](#)."

Meanwhile, another source tracking climate policy cites Daniel Esty, who is now a Yale Law School professor, as a plausible pick for EPA or other administrative job, given factors including his prior service as the former director of Connecticut's environment department, a post that McCarthy also once held. -- *Doug Obey* ([dobey@iwpnews.com](mailto:dobey@iwpnews.com))

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#### **Bipartisan Senate group seeks modest PFAS measures in defense bill**

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) spearheaded the bipartisan effort, with included three Republicans -- Sens. Todd Young (IN), Shelley Moore Capito (WV) and Lisa Murkowski (AK) -- among the 21 signatories.

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#### **Key Reviewer Doubts Industry Chloroprene Model 'Ready For Prime Time'**

The chair of an EPA peer review panel that is weighing a new, industry-funded model the agency is considering using to reevaluate its risk assessment of chloroprene, a chemical used to make synthetic rubber, is raising concerns that the model is not ready for use, heightening questions about whether EPA will set a precedent and agree to the industry request to redo the assessment. [FULL STORY](#)

#### **Senators Seek To Scale Back House Calls For PFAS Provisions In NDAA**

A bipartisan group of senators is seeking a scaled-back list of provisions addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the upcoming defense authorization bill compared to

their House colleagues, raising doubts about the universe of such provisions the conference committee negotiating the bill will agree to. [FULL STORY](#)

### **Bolstering Plaintiffs, NTP Analysis Drives Calls To Toughen Fluoride Advice**

Draft analysis from the National Toxicology Program (NTP) has found that relatively high levels of fluoride in drinking water "is presumed to be a cognitive developmental hazard to humans," driving new calls to strengthen safety advice and bolstering plaintiffs in a landmark suit seeking to force EPA to address the mineral under TSCA. [FULL STORY](#)

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